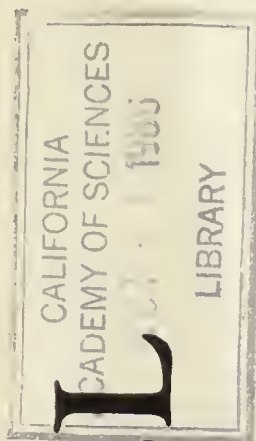


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THE BIRDS AND ANIMALS OF INDIA AND NEPAL

Contrary to popular opinion which despairs over the lack of conservation in Third World countries, India and Nepal each maintain viable national park systems that help to protect unique and precious species from human enroachment. Richard Ives, who has held a life-long fascination with Asia, having travelled to sixteen countries there several times over, will lead us on a pictorial journey to such bird and animal sanctuaries as Royal Chitwan Park and Sultanpur. Offering us some hope for the survival of various species, Richard will present slides of such exotic creatures as the Sarus Crane, the Black-necked Stork, the *Chital*, or the Spotted Deer. Richard, a seasoned traveller who this year spent considerable time in Thailand, Malaysia, India and Nepal, is currently writing a field guide to natural areas of Asia, for which he entertains the high ambition of seeing and photographing every species of Asian bird. As head of NATUREQUEST, a Sonoma based tour and expedition group, he plans to continue his research in the field in early 1987, leading a group to India, Nepal, China and Tibet.

From such firsthand experience, and with such enthusiasm as Richard has, we can learn and enjoy ourselves at our October meeting, held Thursday, Oct. 9 at 7:30 p.m. in San Francisco at the Josephine Randall Jr. Museum. It is on Museum Way atop Corona Heights.

NOVEMBER PREVIEW

Our meeting in Berkeley on Nov. 13 will feature the ever-popular George Peyton, who will take us along on his recent birding expedition to Mt. Everest. See photos of sublime scenery as framed by George's sublime wit.

—TOM WHITE, Program Chairman

BIRD SEED SALE REMINDER

Once more the GGAS seed sale will have seed available in quantities greater than ordered by mail. The sale sites are announced on page 119. So come and stock up, won't you? If possible send your order by mail, but if you decide too late to do that, come anyway.

FIELD TRIPS CALENDAR

Sunday, October 5—Sunol Regional Park. See September *Gull* for details.

Wednesday, October 8—Mini-trip to Eastbay Shoreline. Meet at **9:15 a.m.** From Hwy. 80 in Emeryville, take the Powell off-ramp. Meet in the north end of the parking lot at the Holiday Inn. We will be looking for shorebirds of the area. Lunch optional. Rain cancels trip. Leaders: Ruth Voss (525-8032).

Saturday, October 11—San Mateo Coast. Meet at **8:30 a.m.** along Hwy. 1 at Pescadero lagoon north of the bridge between the Pescadero Rd. We will bird at Pescadero, then along the coast to Ano Nuevo (\$). Bring lunch and a jacket; the weather can be cold along the coast. We will be looking for sea and shorebirds. Leader: Alan Hopkins (664-0983). (✓)

Sunday, October 12—Beginners' Trip to Coyote Hills Regional Park. Meet at **9 a.m.** at the visitors' center. Take Hwy. 17 south to the Decoto Rd.-Rt. 84 exit. Go west on 84 to Newark Blvd.; turn right on Newark to Patterson Ranch Rd., then left on Patterson Ranch Rd. to the park entrance. From San Francisco, cross the San Mateo Bridge, exit right onto Industrial Blvd. Go right again at the signal. Proceed 1 1/2 miles to Hesperian Blvd. Turn right and drive four miles to park sign. Bring lunch and liquids. Bring binoculars and a field guide if you have them. This is a unique park with freshwater marsh habitat. Leader: Gene Hull (526-6893). (✓)

Sunday, October 19—Alameda and

San Leandro Bay Shoreline. Meet at **9:30 a.m.** in Alameda at Broadway and Shoreline Dr. We will bird the Elsie B. Roemer Bird Sanctuary and the San Leandro Bay Regional Shoreline. Bring lunch and liquids. Shorebirds should be present in numbers so bring a spotting scope if you have one. We should also see some land birds. Leader: Leora Feeney (522-8528). (✓)

Saturday, October 25—Pt. Isabel, Berkeley Marina and Emeryville Marina. Meet at **9 a.m.** at Pt. Isabel. From Hwy. 17 take the Central Ave. offramp in El Cerrito, turn towards the bay and go to the end of the street. Turn right and go to the parking lot. Rain cancels trip. We will be looking for waterfowl and shorebirds. Lunch optional. Leader: Ruth Dement (527-7923).

Sunday, October 26—Mt. San Bruno. From San Francisco take Hwy. 280 south to Daly City. Exit at Eastmoor Ave., Mission. Go left onto Sullivan and then turn left on Eastmoor. Take Eastmoor across Market. You will then be on East Market. Follow East Market, it will change names to Guadalupe Ave. Continue on Guadalupe Ave. to Radio Rd. Turn right on Radio Rd. and park near the San Bruno Mountain County Park sign. Meet at **9 a.m.** Bring warm clothing. Bring liquids. We will be walking about 1 1/2 miles over level terrain. Trip ends at noon. Leader: John McCormick (929-9305).

Sunday, November 2—Tennessee Valley. Meet at **9 a.m.** and bring lunch. Going north across the Golden Gate Bridge, take the Mill Valley exit under the Richardson Bay Bridge and in

one-half mile turn left at the Tennessee Valley sign. Drive to the end of the road. We will walk on the flat trail looking for land and sea birds. Rain cancels trip. Leader: Betty Short (921-3020 during work hours). (✓)

Carpooling arrangements can be made for trips marked (✓). Call Kate Partridge at 236-7022 and leave a message. She will contact you.

Trips marked with \$ go to parks or other sites which require an entrance fee.

Problems: If for any reason you have difficulty getting in touch with a field trip leader or need information regarding a trip, call Shirley Kelly (387-8290) or the GGAS office (843-2222).

—FIELD TRIPS COMMITTEE

ATTENTION BIRDERS!

Richard A. Erickson is in the final stages of revising the GGAS "Checklist of Birds of the East Bay Region, California". He would appreciate hearing from anyone having comments on the original edition or aware of obscure records established since that time. A list of proposed changes and additions can be provided upon request. Your help will be appreciated. Send comments to him care of the GGAS office or call him at (415) 487-6786.

PESCADERO MARSH PLAN REPRESENTATIVE NEEDED

The Pescadero Marsh in San Mateo County is now a part of the State Park system. Sequoia Audubon Society is directing the planning of an interpretive center to be located on the edge of the marsh. GGAS has been invited to participate in the planning for the center. Meetings are scheduled to be held on the second Wednesday of every month in Half Moon Bay. If you would like to be considered for this assignment please call the office at 843-2222.

THE 1987 AUDUBON CALENDAR

Available at the Seed Sale or by order from the GGAS office: \$7.20 (tax included) or by mail, \$8.00.

OBSERVATIONS MID-JULY TO MID-AUGUST through August 20

When I took on this job I was somewhat prepared for big fluctuations, from season to season, in types of birds reported. I read old Roberson/Bailey columns. Sometimes I get to bird in August. I knew that interesting shorebirds arrived this month. But the change in the ratio of reported land birds to waterbirds (predominantly shorebirds) from last month to this surprised me: landbirds in June and early July—54%, July to mid-August—14%. (These figures indicate numbers of reports and not necessarily numbers of birds.)

THE FARALLONES

Pelagic Cormorants abandoned nests, and Pigeon Guillemot chicks were found dead in nests, indicating a "warm water year" to Farallon biologists. It is not in the same class with 1983 (remember El Nino?) however, as water temperatures were not in the extreme range. Some upwelling occurred, but it was just too late for the nesting seabirds. However, Common Murre and Western Gulls seem to be having a good year, and other Farallon nesters may be holding their own.

A Pied-billed Grebe July 14 was a first summer record for SE Farallon Islands. A Green-winged Teal arrived August 15, and a Gadwall visited from August 17-21, the first since 1969. A Black-and-white Warbler on June 25, and an Ovenbird on June 27 were the last of the Spring Migrants for the island. Meanwhile, earliest fall records were made by a Black-throated Gray Warbler July 26, two Black-and-white

Warblers August 11-21, two Northern Waterthrushes August 12-15, a hatch-year male Yellow-headed Blackbird July 27-28, and an Orchard Oriole, August 14-15 (PRBO). Details on the nesting and ongoing research of the SE Farallon Islands are available in a well-written, informative quarterly Newsletter, available from PRBO, 4990 Shoreline Highway, Stinson Beach, CA 94970.

TUBENOSES

A pelagic trip to the Cordell Banks July 13 produced 70 Black-footed Albatrosses (SJ, JM, RS, SFB), and 150 Northern Fulmars (SFB). The same trip had one Wilson's Storm-Petrel, unusual at this time of year, and, more expected, 15 Fork-tailed Storm-Petrels, and 20 Leach's Storm-Petrels (JM, SJ, RS, SFB).

HERONS THROUGH DUCKS

Little Blue Herons dotted Northern California this summer. An adult appeared as far north as Richvale, Butte County July 10-11 (JHS, *fide* BED); one immature was found at the Las Gallinas Sewage Ponds, Marin Co. July 18 (MLR, DSi); three immatures or hybrids were seen in the same location July 21 (JM, GH, CLF), and one remained to July 26 (CLF). An adult Little Blue Heron was seen at Mt. View Forebay, Santa Clara Co. August 3 (PMB, *fide* DSu). A Cattle Egret was at Rodeo Lagoon July 30 (CLF). The Oldsquaw at Heart's Desire Beach was last reported July 8 (JMH).

SHOREBIRDS

An adult Lesser Golden-Plover was at Abbott's Lagoon July 31-August 3 (DAH, DSu). The American Black Oystercatchers continued to hang out at the Bay Bridge Toll Plaza July 12-18 (JM, RAE). Lesser Yellowlegs were widely reported throughout the period (mob). Many sightings of Semipalmated Sandpipers (most reported as juvenals), from a variety of locations,

adds to our collection of fall migration records: one at Modesto Sewage Ponds July 27 (ECa); single birds at Abbott's Lagoon July 31, August 10, and August 16 (DAH, LJP, BDP); one at Doran Pond, Bodega Bay, August 2, and one August 10 (JM, KFC, NTC); one at Moonglow Dairy, Monterey Co. August 3 (PJM, JLD); at Woodland Sugar Ponds one August 7-9 (MJL), increasing to three August 11 (JML); one at Charleston Slough August 8-10 (SFi, JM, DBr); two at Pescadero Marsh August 10 (PJM); at Mt. View Forebay two August 11 (PJM), and one August 17 (PhR); one at Spaletta Ponds August 12 (JR); and at Salinas River Mouth a high count of eight on August 13 with at least four appearing through August 17 (DSu, MDa, LJP). Baird's Sandpipers appeared in good numbers throughout the period (mob): the earliest was an adult at Mendoza Pond July 20 (RS), and the largest gathering was seven at the Salinas Sewage Ponds August 16-17 (CW, LJP). Pectoral Sandpipers were seen from Sonoma to Monterey Counties, six individuals being reported July 20 to August 17 (mob). The Cordell Banks pelagic birders, on July 13, discovered 20 Red Phalaropes, unusual in July.

JAEGERS THROUGH MURRELETS

A Pomarine Jaeger was seen from Natural Bridges State Beach, Santa Cruz Co. July 22 (DSu), four Parasitic Jaegers were at New Brighton State Beach, Santa Cruz Co. July 18 (DSu), and three Parasitics were at the Salinas River Mouth August 3 (PJM), all seen from shore—lucky observers. On the other hand, a Long-tailed Jaeger was observed on a pelagic trip to Cordell Banks July 13 (JM, SJ, RS, SFB). Three South Polar Skuas were found July 20 and one on August 7, all on pelagic trips out of Monterey Bay (SJ). Three Sabine's Gulls, expected at this

time of year, appeared on an August 2 Monterey Bay pelagic trip (SJ). One Xantus's Murrelet was seen on the Cordell Banks pelagic trip of July 13, while the Monterey Bay pelagic birders of August 8 beheld two adults with a chick (SJ).

LANDBIRDS

Eastern Kingbirds appeared at two diverse locations: one at Muir Beach July 22 (DW), and another at Zmudowski State Beach pond August 16-17 (MDa, SFi, DSu, LJP). A male Rose-breasted Grosbeak was found at Muir Beach August 19 (WS). A male Indigo Bunting was at the Point Reyes Lighthouse July 14 (RPe). James V. Fitzgerald Marine Reserve, San Mateo Co. attracted a female **Dickcissel** August 16 (PJM). A Yellow-headed Blackbird appeared in the fields near Zmudowski State Beach August 17 (DSu).

OBSERVERS

Stephen F. Bailey, Don Brockhurst, Phyllis M. Browning, Eric Caine, Kurt F. Campbell, Nancy T. Conzett, Maryann Danielson, Bruce E. Deuel, Jon L. Dunn, Richard A. Erickson, Carter L. Faust, Shawneen Finnegan, Al Ghiorso, David A. Holway, George Hugenberg, Joan M. Humphrey, Jeri M. Langham, Mike J. Lippsmeyer, Richard Merriss, Peter J. Metropulos, Joseph Morlan, Paul Noble, Benjamin D. Parmeter, Rick Perkins, Point Reyes Bird Observatory (Farallon Report thanks to Harry Carter, Stephanie Kaza, Peter Pyle, and Bill Sydeman), Lina J. Prairie, Clifford D. Richer, Jean Richmond, Mary Louise Rosegay, Philip Rostron (PhR), Debra L. Shearwater, Shearwater Journeys, Dianne Sierra, Jim H. Snowden, Rich Stallcup, William Stirling, David L. Suddjian, David Williams, Christine Wolf.

Please report observations to

Northern California Rare Bird Alert:
528-0288.

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CONSERVATION NOTES

WE SUE TO SAVE OUR BIRDS

Faced with the prospect of losing most if not all of our smaller shorebirds in the Oakland and Northern Alameda area, GGAS has filed suit against the Port of Oakland to prevent the filling of 180 acres of seasonal wetlands on the Oakland Airport.

If you have been following this ongoing battle, you will know that these seasonal wetlands are critical habitat of shorebirds during high tide. It is only here that the smaller shorebirds, such as the Western and Least Sandpipers, can feed during these high tides. Without this habitat these birds will disappear. For example, the Richmond shoreline has mudflats (their feeding area during low tide), but not seasonal wetlands. As a result, no smaller shorebirds are found there. If the Oakland airport wetlands are filled the same impact will take place.

The California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) requires that any major development that would seriously impact the environment have an Environmental Impact Report prepared. This EIR would evaluate this project and discuss alternatives to the project, cumulative impacts (such as what will result from the ultimate loss of all our seasonal wetlands—a possibility if one considers that all of Alameda County's privately owned seasonal wetlands are planned for development) and possible mitigation for these impacts.

The port did not prepare such a report despite our protests, and the protests of others. This is in clear violation of CEQA. Finally, the Port did make a

ludicrous offer to mitigate. They propose to replace the 180 acres of wetlands to be destroyed by purchasing land in Napa County, 30 miles away. This will clearly do our smaller shorebirds no good. They simply can't travel such distances between mudflats and seasonal wetlands. They will disappear from Alameda. Additionally, the Port offer would provide much less seasonal wetland than they would destroy.

We were joined in this suit by CALM (Citizens for Alameda's Last Marshlands), a group of Alameda citizens sharing our concern. Since that initial filing, we have been joined by the Sierra Club, Save San Francisco Bay and, we hope, The State Attorney General's Office.

If we win, and we're fairly confident that we will, the Port will be forced to prepare an EIR. We will then have a chance to work for **appropriate** mitigation that will create new seasonal wetlands in Alameda to replace those lost and that will protect our shorebirds (and ducks and geese, even some snow geese).

Such a lawsuit is, of course, expensive. Although we feel confident that we can sustain this financial burden temporarily, this may seriously impact our efforts in the future. For this reason we invite those who feel strongly about our birds and our Chapter to send a donation (tax deductible) to Legal Action Fund, GGAS, 1550 Shattuck Ave., Berkeley, CA 94709.

—ARTHUR FEINSTEIN

S.F. WETLAND IS CLOSER, BUT WE NEED YOUR HELP

As the title suggests, our attempt to have a new San Francisco tidal marsh park established as part of the Mission Bay development project is meeting with some success. In the last "Mission Bay Choices" planning document, a

wetland marsh figured in 4 out of 6 possible scenarios prepared by the S.F. Planning Department. Encouraging though this may be it is by no means a sure thing. There is still considerable opposition from some members of the planning department, and others of influence, who do not find tidal marshes attractive.

Help, once again, to convince our civic leaders that there is strong community support for the concept of a tidal marsh park. Write Toby Rosenblatt, President, San Francisco Planning Commission, 450 McAllister St., Room 600, S.F., CA 94102, and ask him to support a tidal marsh park as part of the Mission Bay project. The final decision may well be made this November. This is an opportunity we may never have again to bring ducks and shorebirds to San Francisco's doorstep. Please send us a copy of your letter so that we can have some idea of our numbers. Our address is 1550 Shattuck Ave., Berkeley, CA 94709.

THE CITIZENS COMMITTEE TO COMPLETE THE REFUGE

GGAS Board of Directors joined with all the other Bay Area Audubon Chapters in endorsing the CCCR which has received a matching grant from the Save San Francisco Bay Association. The committee is working for acquisition of acreage of seasonal wetlands in the original Refuge. Many species such as Cinnamon Teal and Saltmarsh Harvest Mouse cannot survive without the seasonal wetlands. New Congressional authorization and a major grassroots effort around the Bay are needed to save these lands permanently.

If you can help please phone 943-5540 for information, or send a contribution to Citizens Committee at 575 South Rengstorff Ave., #148, Mountain View, CA 94040.

THE SEED SALE

The **San Francisco** sale will be at 657A South Van Ness Ave., between 17th and 18th Streets on Saturday, Oct. 11. The same day the **Berkeley** location is 1805 2nd Street, between Hearst and Virginia. Volunteers will be there between 10 a.m. and 2 p.m. to serve you. Large signs will identify the site.

Payment by check is preferred to minimize the making of change. More volunteers are needed. Call GGAS office for particulars at 843-2222.

PUBLICATION

The 1944 *Distribution of Birds in California* by Grinnell and Miller remains a definitive benchmark on California's avifauna. It summarizes a wealth of information on the seasonal status, abundance and geographic range of the 644 species and subspecies then recorded in the state. Its reissue by the Artemisia Press in an exact reproduction with new appendices which update nomenclature is most welcome. For information write the press at PO Box 119, Lee Vining, CA 93541.

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BACK YARD BIRDER

Our state bird, the California Quail, has given me many pleasant hours of back yard bird watching. Because their feeding times are regular, I can count on seeing them under the feeder gleaning every seed scattered by messier feeders. Each family, during the spring and summer, takes its turn at seemingly prescribed times. Then, in fall, as many as 60 birds gather into coveys. Maintaining his vigil, the dominant male sits atop a rock, the roof, or a tree branch, ever-alert to danger.

The male quail is most dignified in appearance and posture. He appears to be dressed for a formal occasion with a gray "jacket", a "waistcoat" which is blue-grey above and a handsome scaled pattern below. He sports a white "tie" and a black chin. Topping off this sartorial splendor is a perky plume which points forward and bounces about with his every gesture. His bride is not quite as colorful but is patterned similarly. They move quietly together in tandem.

All attempts at dignity disappear when quail are startled. They prefer to scurry to the safety of underbrush, but will burst into the air with a terrific whirr of wings, each flapping in a different direction. Given enough space, they are quite good gliders. Once they've landed in safety, a male sets up an assembly call to regroup the troops. This can get on a listener's nerves if the covey isn't quick to reassemble. The call is a monotonous *ka-KA*, ringing out at very regular intervals for ages (it seems).

In wintertime, while large numbers of quail are together, the male quail begin fighting (it's more like chasing). When a female has been properly impressed, the pair go off together without fanfare. By April the coveys have broken up into pairs, roosting together at night in trees. Nests are not elaborate, a slight hollow in the ground or a clump of grass lined with leaves and grasses, often near a house or garden. Between May and July, females lay 12-16 eggs and incubate them alone for 21-23 days. Chicks are precocial, that is, able to run about and peck at in-

teresting objects almost immediately upon hatching. Moving in a group, they resemble fuzzy ping pong balls on toothpicks, setting up a "community peep" which is quite musical. Within ten days they can fly short distances, but prefer to run to escape. The parents continue to brood them on the ground at night until the young are able to roost in trees, usually within a month.

From what I have observed among quail families, it is not easy to gain adulthood. The number of chicks who survive to become gangly teenagers is about one in four. Cats, foxes, opossums and, sad to say, my pond claim the lives of many. (I have since drained the pond. Besides, it was a mosquito-breeder.)

As a pair of quail tiptoe by my lounge chair, I realize how dull my yard would be without their regular visits.

—MEG PAULETICH

P.S. After I wrote this column, I did something that I regret. We first saw 12 newly-hatched chicks following their parents, tumbling over the brow of the hill as if being poured from a box of cereal. Shortly after, we heard frantic peeping in the patio where two babies had become separated from their family. We watched and waited as they ran about, occasionally flinging themselves in vain attempts to climb the stairs. We were as distressed as they. Knowing we had to leave shortly, we made the mistake of scooping them up and placing them in a shoe box. Upon calling the Alexander Lindsay Junior Museum, I learned that baby quail need to be kept warm—90°—with a heating pad and a light bulb overhead. They are too young to eat regular seed, needing chick scratch (I didn't have any). A jar lid with water must be filled with marbles to keep them from getting wet. I couldn't take them to the museum until the next morning, and by then they were in poor shape and didn't survive. It was a sad lesson: leave them alone. Well-meaning people often pick up baby animals of all kinds—and the parents are usually nearby and will reclaim them if given some time.

M.P.

ALASKA

As a sequel to the very successful trip to the Galapagos Islands and Peru this year, the **Mono Lake Committee** members are planning a super wildlands experience in Alaska for June 1987. What makes this trip so extra-special is that the group will have five days at Camp Denali on the north side of Denali National Park, opposite the Big One, itself. Included in the two week sojourn starting in Anchorage will be excursions to the fjords and wildlife refuges of the Kenai Peninsula, Prince William Sound and the Columbia Glacier, Valdez, Glenallen and the new Wrangell-St. Elias National Park. All parts will be accompanied by naturalists and guides of the area visited. Also, if desired, the trip may be extended with a two-night stay at Glacier Bay National Park and, then, on to Juneau and the Inside Passage.

This sojourn will not be a "touch base" type of trip, but one with time for savoring the environment. It is a special kind of trip for a special kind of people—those who love open space and nature and seeing pioneer life.

If this sounds like a trip for you, send a self-addressed, legal-sized envelope for full information to: **ALASKA '87**, c/o M. Bennett, 2719 Marin Ave., Berkeley, CA 94708.

THE COYOTE PT. MUSEUM

From now until January 18 an exhibit "Forests: Our Resource and Responsibility" is available at the Coyote Point Museum. Admission is \$1 for adults and \$.50 seniors and youth six through 17, free to children under six. Open from Wednesday through Friday 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., Saturday and Sunday 1 to 5 p.m. Free to all on Fridays. For information call them at (415) 342-7755.

THE NATURE SOUND SOCIETY

NSS will present Chris Tromberg of SF State University in a talk on the South American primates on Sunday, Oct. 5 at the SF Zoo. The program will begin at 1 p.m. preceded by an optional brown-bag lunch. Enter the Zoo at the main entrance, Sloat Blvd. Turn right on the service road behind the carousel and proceed to the ARC classroom, a double-wide trailer, on the left. Tell the gate-keeper you are there for the meeting. For information phone Paul Matzner at the Oakland Museum Natural Sciences Dept., (415) 273-3884.

"BAYDAY"

An outstanding "faculty" has been lined up for the Oct. 11 "Bayday" catamaran cruise on San Francisco Bay. Naturalists and experts concerned with issues such as water policy and pollution will discuss various aspects of the Bay, scrutinizing it from top to bottom.

The 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. trip will begin at Pier 39 in San Francisco aboard the *Goldrush*, which offers incomparable views of the Bay from its two enclosed decks and its third open air deck. Participants will cruise beneath the Golden Gate, San Rafael, and Bay Bridges, exploring the Bay to the north and the south. A box lunch is provided for the \$42 fee, and a snack bar on board provides a variety of beverages.

Speakers include activists, scientists, educators, and political leaders.

"Bayday" is designed to provide education about the Bay and the issues connected with it; educational materials will be provided. A grant from the San Francisco Foundation will enable teachers and public decision makers to participate at a reduced rate of \$22. Phone the Marin Conservation League,

456-1912, for information and applications. "Bayday" is sponsored by the League, the Environmental Forum of Marin and Marin Discoveries.

THE COOPER SOCIETY

The featured speaker at the October meeting of the Cooper Ornithological Society will be Tom Scott of the UCB Forestry Dept. His subject is the natural history, biology and conservation of the San Clemente Island Loggerhead Shrike.

The meeting will be at UC Berkeley, Life Sciences Bldg., Room 2503, Monday, Oct. 6 at 8 p.m. preceded by a business session at 7:45. Everyone interested in birds is invited.

CANCELLATION

The Albany Adult School ornithology class to have been given by Pamela Williams has been cancelled. It had been entitled "Winter Ecology of Bay Area Birds."

BAY AREA BIRD PHOTOGRAPHERS

This organization invites membership of anyone interested in its subject. Its newsletter invariably arrives too late for the *GULL* to do anything but report that it did meet. If you are interested, meetings are at the Baylands.

THE NEW AUDUBON COLLECTION

The GGAS precedent has not gone unnoticed! On Sunday, Oct. 19, from 3 to 5 p.m., the Lyford House at the Tiburon Refuge National Audubon will sponsor a wine tasting of six Montali wines displaying six authentic Audubon print labels. This event is the premier unveiling of these wines and their beautiful labels and another opportunity to bask in the sun on the shores of Richardson Bay. There is no admission charge.

NEWS FROM THE RANCH

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Wildlife Sanctuaries & Centers for Nature Education under joint sponsorship of Golden Gate, Madrone, Marin and Sequoia Audubon Societies
Flora MacLise, Chairman

News for September arrived too late for inclusion in our last issue. What follows is a combination of two letters.

Gilman Hall, the rehabilitated barn at the Bouverie Preserve, was dedicated July 26 and properly celebrated with food, music and speeches of appreciation. The handsome, high-ceilinged building designed by Clifford Conly and David Bouverie will serve as the center of educational activities at the preserve, providing a library, kitchen, laboratory and offices, as well as a light and airy assembly and exhibit hall.

The new facility is named in honor of its principal donor, the Gilman Family Foundation of New York City. Sylvia Gilman attended the dedication. In his remarks David Bouverie acknowledged the generosity of the Gilmans saying, "We are five or six years ahead of schedule thanks to the Gilman family."

At the invitation of Edris Cole, Sandra Day O'Connor, Associate Justice, U.S. Supreme Court, and some friends visited the Bolinas Preserve in July. Edris took them to the overlook where they spent about half an hour viewing the nesting birds. Justice O'Connor was most enthusiastic about the ranch, calling it the highlight of her visit to Marin.

Final figures for the spring season at Bolinas show a meteoric rise of visitors and a slight decline of breeding birds. Heronry expert Helen Pratt reported 21 pairs of herons and 96 pairs of egrets this year.

Five thousand more visitors came this

season than in any previous one, for a total of 19,000.

The ACR Board has approved the move of its principal business office from San Francisco to Picher Canyon at the Bolinas Preserve. The new address for donations is PO Box 577, Stinson Beach, CA 94970.

Readers may want to mark their calendars for some of these upcoming events at the Sonoma Bouverie Preserve:

Saturday Community Hikes are scheduled Oct. 25, Nov. 22, and Dec. 27, from 9:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. (Reservations are required; call (707) 938-4554. If you leave a message on the answering machine be sure to include your area code with your phone number.)

Birding for Beginners classes will be held at the Bouverie Preserve on Oct. 4 and 11 by John Petersen. If you think Audubon is a freeway in Germany, then this is a class for you. Even the binoculars will be provided.

Oct. 18 you can learn about the original peoples of Sonoma Co. in a class entitled *Native American Lifestyles* conducted by Foley Benson.

Double Special: Cypress Grove and

Tom's Point. Nov. 1 you may join Anne Monk, John Petersen and Ray Peterson on a day filled with easy hiking and birding at these special places.

The following classes will be held at the Bolinas Preserve:

Birding for Beginners by John Kelly on Oct. 11.

Bats, Toads and Autumn Tricks ought to get you in the mood for Halloween. This class will be held the weekend of Oct. 25-26. Make masks, bake treats and learn about some mysterious animals with ACR naturalists Anne Monk and Ray Peterson.

To make a reservation for any of these classes call ACR at (415) 383-1644.

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Sunday, Oct. 19 and Saturday, Nov. 1, Pacific Adventures is offering trips to Cordelle Banks and beyond. John Allen, Kurt Campbell and Roger Marlowe will be leaders on the first trip; Steve Bailey will replace John Allen on the second. Phone (707) 664-0104 for particulars and reservations.

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